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\$3 Million Grant Will Help More Than 600 Laid-Off Bay Area Workers Receive Job Services and New Employment

SACRAMENTO – A \$3 million grant was awarded to the North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium (NOVA) and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board to assist more than 600 workers who lost high-tech jobs in the San Francisco Bay Area. The grant is for job services to help the 647 laid-off workers find employment in high-demand industries.

“This grant will benefit many workers who were laid off from their jobs in the high tech and advanced manufacturing industries, as well as help companies looking for well-trained job applicants,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA). “The funding enables NOVA and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board to retrain workers to meet the immediate needs of Bay Area companies that have been growing briskly and need skilled workers.”

The grant builds on the success of prior training programs developed by NOVA. Since 1990, as a direct result of Skills, Testing, Assessment and Re-Employment (STAR) funding, the NOVA partnership has enrolled 20,000 laid-off workers and placed over 71 percent in gainful employment.

With this grant, NOVA will provide laid-off workers with career advising, skills preparation services, job search assistance, and training so they are able to move into a variety of technical and administrative jobs in the Bay Area.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of LWDA’s Employment Development Department.

For more information about this project, please contact the NOVA Workforce Investment Board at (408) 730-7240.

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